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MADURA YOUNG MEN

With this number Madura Young Men enters on its second year of existence. As heretofore it will endeavour to give a record of the doings of the Y.M.C.A. in Madura and other items of interest to the circle of members and friends of the Association. We bespeak for it a continuance of the welcome accorded to it by readers in the past. We shall be glad to consider for publication brief letters, bits of news, and short articles.

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IN MEMORIAM.

We greatly regret to record the death of our young friend Mathuram S. Nallatambi, son of the Pastor of South Gate Church, student of the American High School, member of the I. D. F. He decided to go to Madras for clerical training for Mesopotamia. A letter describing his life at the Overseas Training School at Saidapet and the course of study had come to the Association Secretary in Madura, and we had intended to print part of it in this issue of M Y M. Suddenly came the news that he had died of influenza. Fortunately Rev. Mr. Cooper of Madura, who was in Madras, heard of it, wired his father to come, and was able to make all arrangements for the funeral of this lad away from home.

Our deep sympathies go out to the family and many friends of Mr. J. W. Addis Joshua, of South Gate, whose wife died recently after a short attack of influenza.

Mr. E. N. Pedro, the former Treasurer of our local Association has recently suffered severe personal loss through the influenza epidemic. A few weeks ago a daughter died, and last week he was called to Negapatam to the death bed of his father. We should like Mr. Pedro to realize that we feel for him in this time of breavement.

NEWS ITEMS.

The Religious Discussion Group meet regularly on Sunday mornings. The little book by Dr. Farquhar "Gita and Gospel" is now being used as the basis for discussion for the next few weeks.

Mr. H. Champion, M.A., Inspector of Schools for Madura Circle inspected our Middle School on the 5th instant.

Many friends of Mr. C Lakshmana Rao, formerly of Madura, who was recommended and sent by the Association as a stenographer to the Y.M.C.A. Headquarters at Calcutta a year ago, will be glad to read the following passage which appeared in the "Madras Times" of the 18th September:—

CALCUTTA INDIAN'S SUCCESS.—The results of the last semi-annual International Shorthand Competition of the Sloan-Duployan Shorthand Society, show that one of the eleven medals awarded has been gained by a Calcutta competitor. The highest award of all, the Gold medal in Class IV for the best paper at 150 words per minute, was awarded to Mr C. Lakshmana Rao, of 5 Russell Street, Calcutta. Mr. Rao is the only successful Indian competitor, the remaining ten medals having been won by candidates in England, America and Africa.—*Englishman.*

Through the kindness of Diwan Bahadur P. R. Narayana Iyer, Retired Deputy Director of Survey, Madura, twelve more books have been added to our library. We thank him most sincerely for his co-operation in our work and hope other members and well-wishers of the Association will follow his example in helping to build up our library.

Much enthusiasm prevails among several of our members in the game of Ping Pong; so much so that Mr. K. Renga Rao has kindly presented the Association with a quarter of a dozen ping-pong balls, which we accept with gratitude.

The surrender of Bulgaria was celebrated in the Middle School on the 7th instant. The boys gathered in the hall at 10 o' clock. Short speeches were made by Messrs. S. Muthusamy, V. Subramania Iyer, and D. Ernest. A musical programme was gone through by

the boys. After the singing of the National Anthem in Tamil and English and the distribution of plaintains the day was declared a holiday.

Our Commercial School is making slow but steady progress and Mr. V. Venkatasubramania Iyer, the teacher in charge, is to be congratulated on his efforts in making the classes interesting to the students. He is planning to open a class in type-writing early in November. The present strength is 12 and we anticipate that this number will be doubled by the end of the month.

Mr. A. R Rangachariar, merchant of this city, sailed recently from Colombo on an interesting business trip to Japan and America. Before he left Madura we were able to furnish him with a score of letters of introduction to Association Secretaries and other friends both in cities of the Orient and in the United States and Canada. We wish Mr Rangachariar all success and a most pleasant trip.

After many years' interval, Madura citizens have again had an opportunity to see real live soldiers in their midst. Following its custom throughout India and elsewhere, the Association is seeking to meet the needs of these detachments of troops, both the Walajah Light Infantry and the Norfolks, by means of lectures and other forms of recreation for their leisure hours.

The results of the first month's collections for the Building Fund were as follows:-

Church of England	...	110.12
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West Gate	...	16. 4
East Gate	...	6. 8
North Gate	...	2 —
South Gate	(no collection)	...
Pasumalai	...	3. 8
Other sources	...	177—
Total		316.0.0

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